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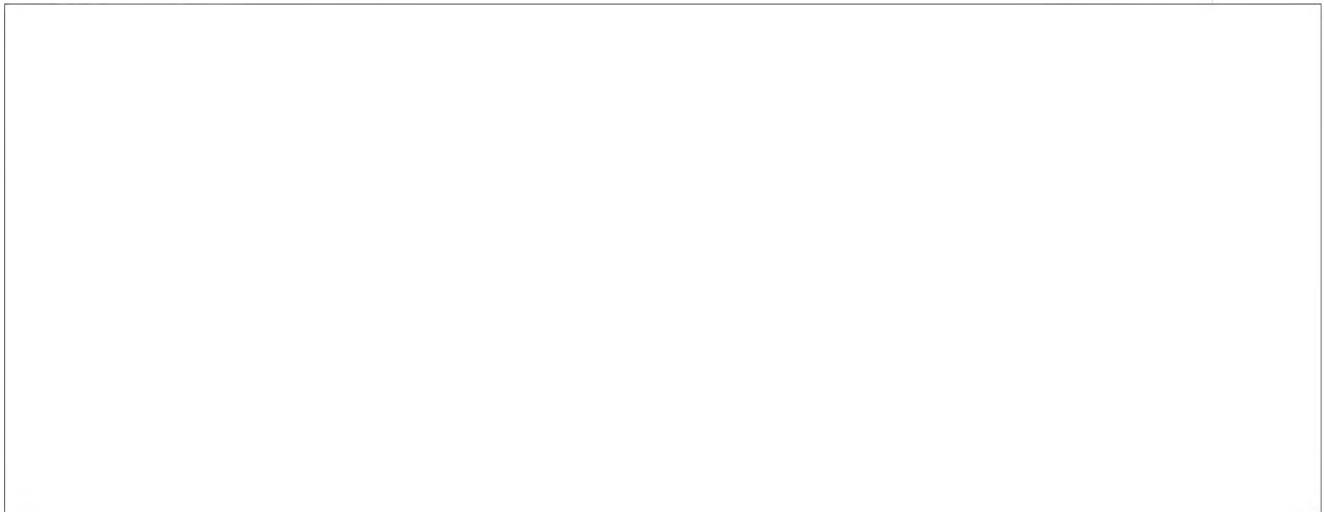
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Syria

Syrian Crackdown on Abu Nidal

Syria apparently has closed the Damascus offices of the Abu Nidal Organization (ANO) and expelled the group's publicly known members, except those holding Syrian passports. Palestinian sources told the *Jordan Times* that the crackdown began on 1 June when Syrian security forces took over an ANO office in the Yarmuk refugee camp outside Damascus. Damascus then ordered all ANO members who do not hold Syrian passports to leave the country and threatened those who do with deportation or imprisonment if they continue to work for the group. The sources also claimed that Libya asked Syria to give the expelled ANO members more time to clear out and find a new location.

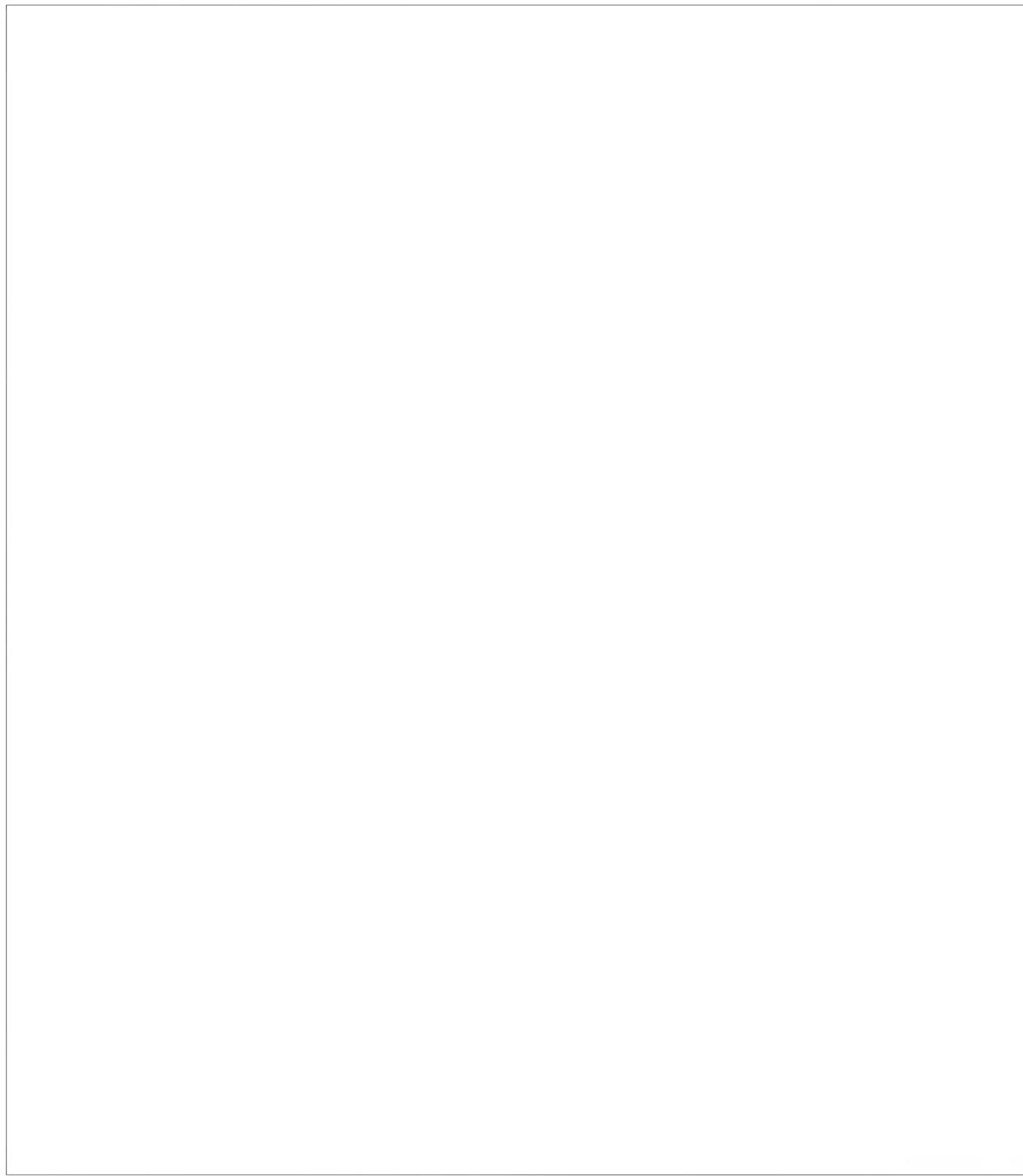
South/East Asia**Technical Trends****Western Europe****Antiterrorism Robots in Use**

Israel is manufacturing a robot called WASP that reportedly could be useful for counterterrorism applications such as locating and defusing mines and other explosive devices. The robot stands over 6 feet tall, has arms and TV cameras, and moves on treads similar to those on tractors, according to press reports. French and Spanish police have already put such robots to use, and in Spain a similar robot was used in an attempt to defuse a bomb planted by the Basque Fatherland and Liberty group outside a French car showroom on 11 May. Although the robot was destroyed in the explosion of the bomb, it demonstrated that the use of such machines—even if they are costly—could save human lives.

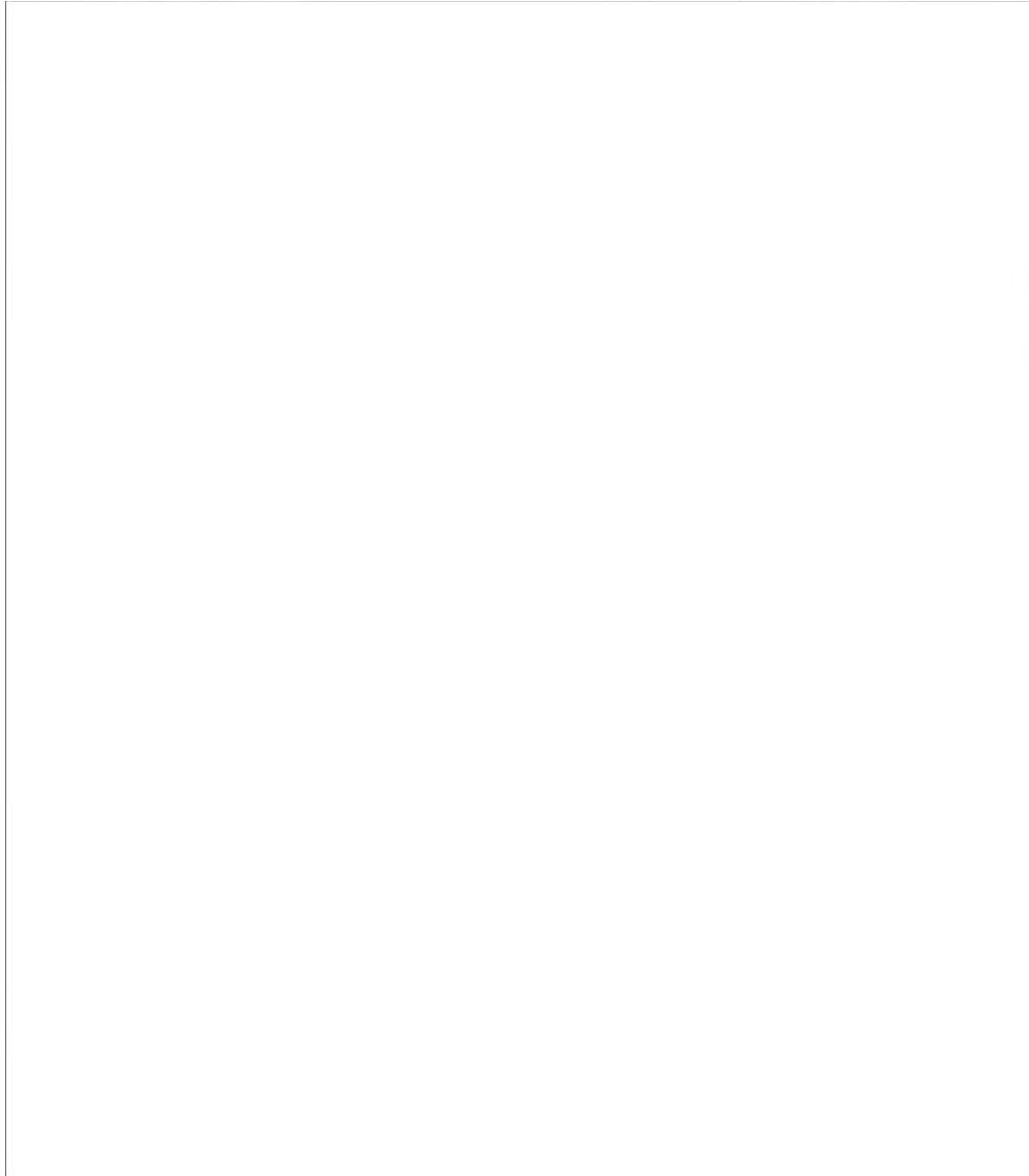


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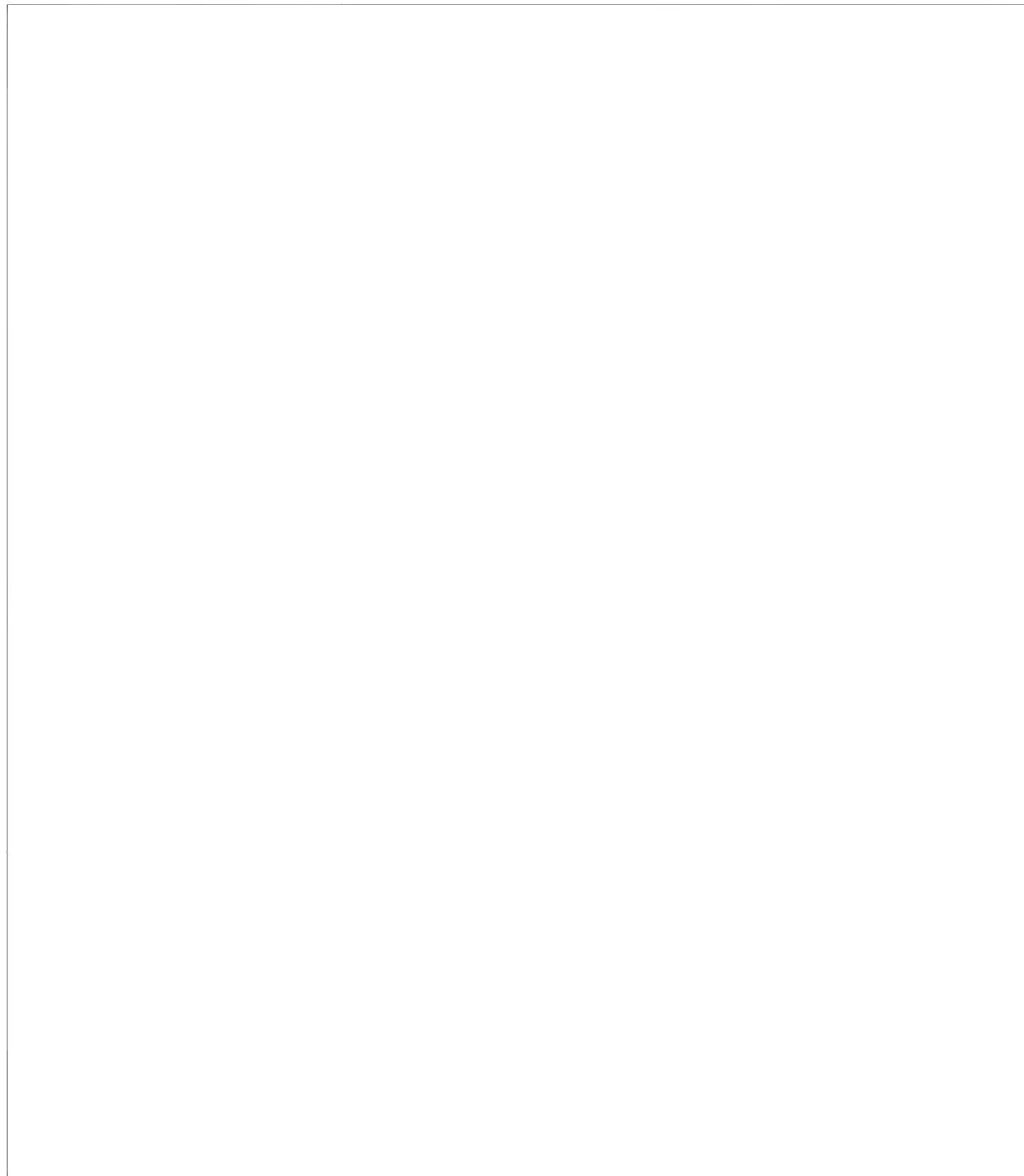
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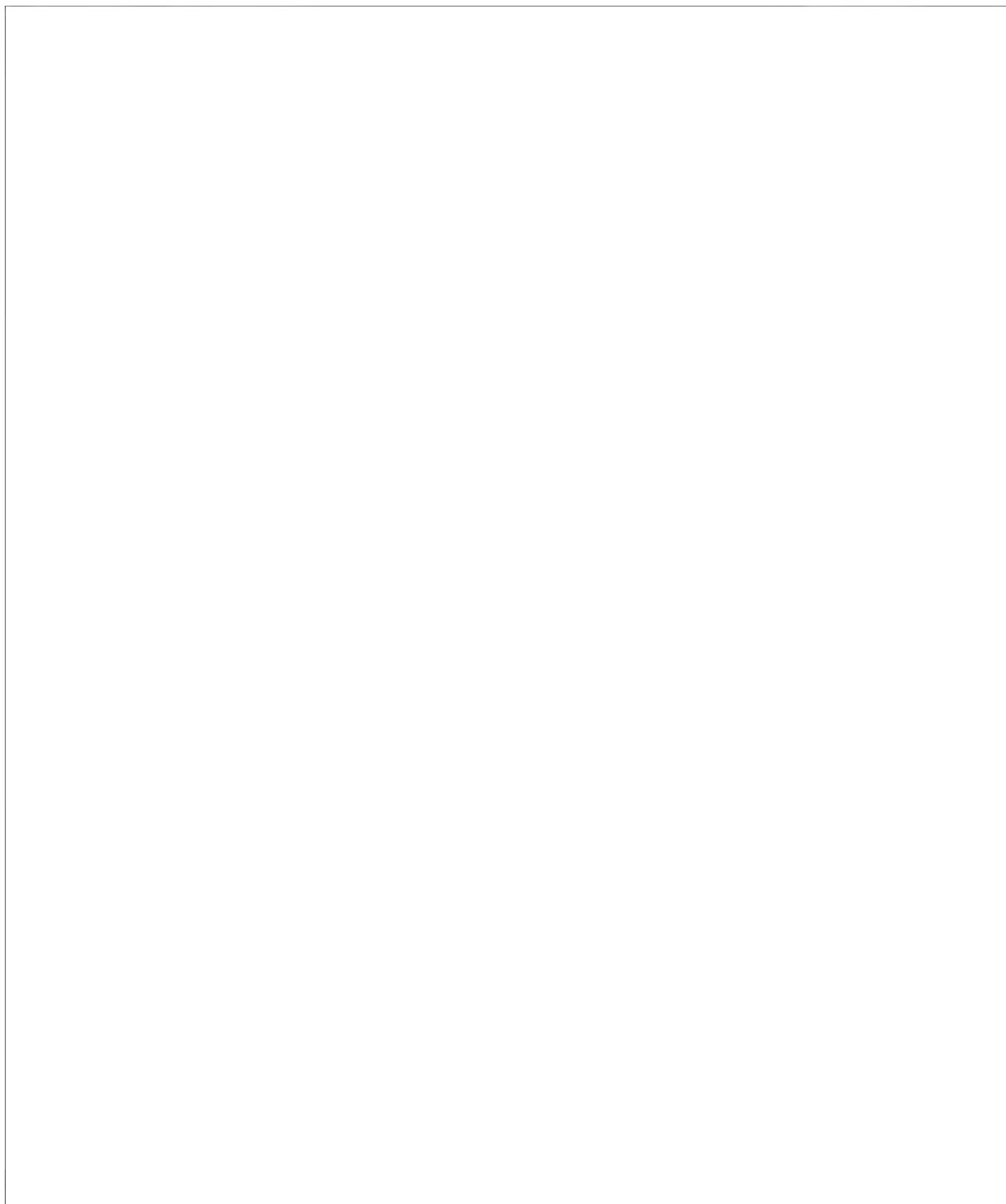
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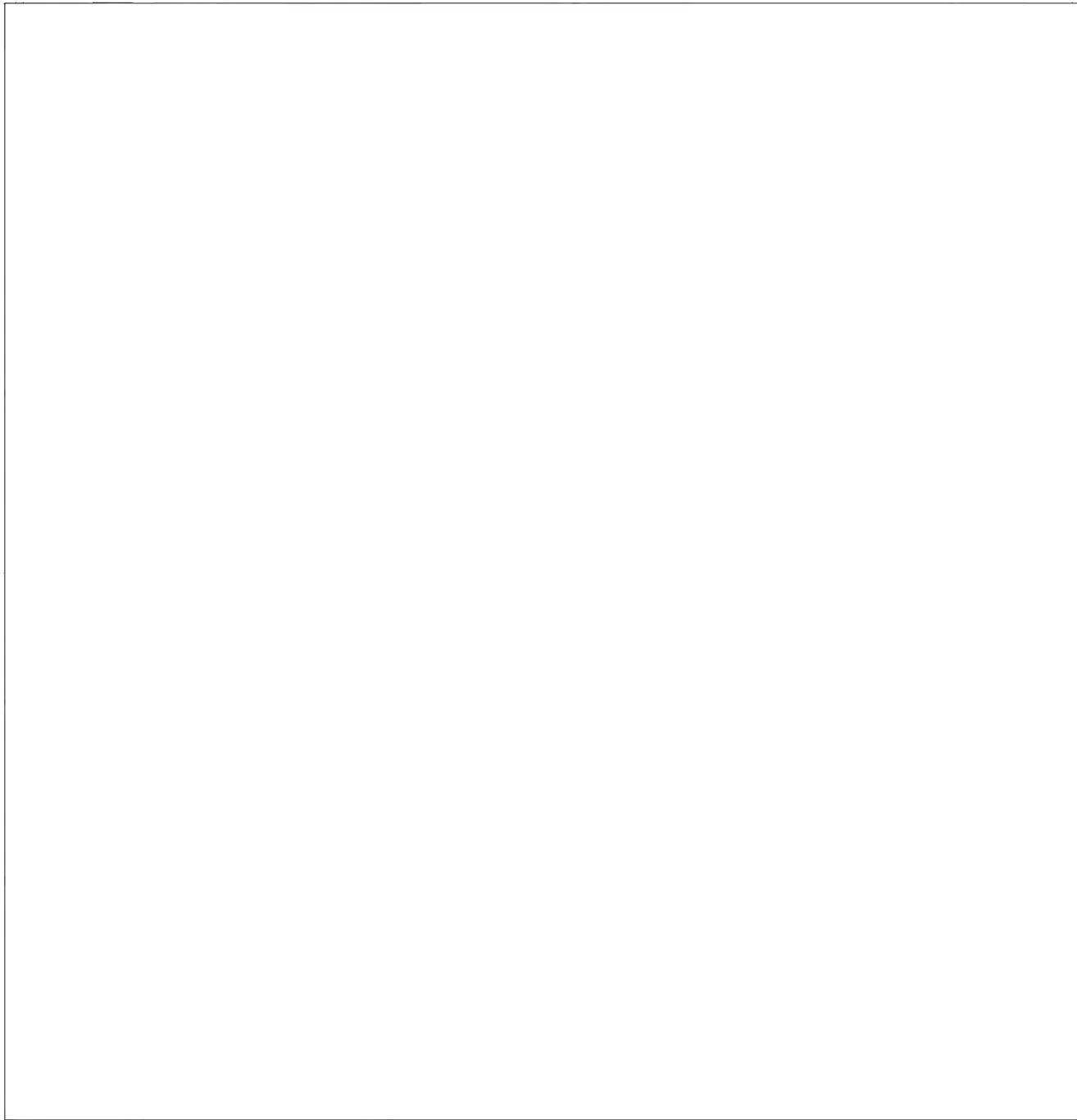
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**Chronology of Significant
Abu Nidal Group Terrorist
Activities, 1974-86**

1974

22 November

United Arab Emirates (UAE): Four terrorists, armed with machineguns, handgrenades, and pistols, hijack British Airways plane en route from Dubai to Tunis . . . two people wounded during takeover . . . plane took off with approximately 46 hostages, refueled in Tripoli, Libya, and went on to Tunis . . . one passenger killed on ground; hostages later released. (U)

Late 1974

Location unknown; probably Lebanon: Murder planned by Sabri al-Banna against Yasir Arafat, Salah Khalaf (Abu Iyad), and other prominent Palestinian leaders uncovered by Fatah intelligence . . . al-Banna sentenced to death in absentia in October. (U)

1976

26 September

Syria: Four terrorists, armed with machineguns and grenades, take over Semiramis Hotel in Damascus, taking 90 hostages . . . Syrian troops storm hotel . . . one terrorist killed and three captured; four hostages killed and 34 wounded. (U)

11 October

Pakistan: Grenade attack on Syrian Embassy and Syrian Ambassador's residence in Islamabad. (U)

17 November

Jordan: Four Palestinians attack Intercontinental Hotel with handguns and grenades, killing two employees and taking hostages . . . Jordanian troops counterattack, killing three terrorists and wounding one . . . two soldiers, one hotel guest killed; four hotel guests wounded. (U)

2 December

Syria: Syrian Foreign Minister 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam seriously wounded in assassination attempt in Damascus. (U)

1977

October

UAE: Assassination attempt against Syrian Foreign Minister Khaddam in Abu Dhabi results in death of UAE Minister of State. (U)

1978

4 January

United Kingdom: PLO representative murdered in London. (U)

15 February

Cyprus: Two gunmen attack Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Organization meeting in Nicosia and kill its secretary general, Yusuf as-Siba'i, a confidant of Anwar El-Sadat . . . leave country on aircraft with 11 hostages but refused permission to land in Libya, Kuwait, Somalia, Ethiopia, or South Yemen . . . subsequently return to Larnaca Airport . . . Egyptian counterterrorism force conducts airborne assault on airport . . . resulting firefight kills 15 and wounds 16. (U)

15 June

Kuwait: PLO official murdered in Kuwait. (U)

3 August

France: Two gunmen attack PLO office in Paris and kill PLO representative to France. (U)

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5 August

Pakistan: Four gunmen, armed with submachineguns and grenades, attack PLO office in Islamabad and kill radio operator, two Palestinian students, and Pakistani police guard. (U)

1980**17 January**

France: Manager of Arab bookstore murdered in Paris. (U)

3 March

Spain: Gunman mistakenly shoots and kills Spanish attorney Adolfo Cotelo Villareal . . . apparent target Max Mazin, leader of Spanish Jewish community. (U)

22 April

Yugoslavia: Attempted murder of Fatah official Salah Khalaf in Belgrade; one bodyguard wounded. (U)

5 June

Kuwait: Attempted murder of PLO representative in Kuwait. (U)

27 July

Belgium: Attack on Agudat Israel synagogue in Antwerp; one person killed and 20 injured. (U)

1981**1 May**

Austria: Head of Austrian-Israeli Friendship Society killed in Vienna. (U)

1 June

Belgium: PLO representative murdered in Brussels. (U)

29 August

Austria: Two gunmen, armed with machine pistols and handgrenades, attack Vienna synagogue . . . two killed, 19 injured. (U)

23 September

Cyprus: Two Arabs attack Israeli shipping firm in Limassol with handgrenades, injuring five employees. (U)

8 October

Malta: Aborted attempt to kill the PLO representative to Libya in Valletta. (U)

9 October

Italy: Senior PLO official murdered in Rome. (U)

1982**4 February**

Austria: Bomb explodes at residence of chief rabbi in Vienna, causing some property damage but no casualties. (U)

1 March

Spain: Nabil Arnaki, a coleader of Arab People's Liberation Movement (APLM), a splinter group of the ANO, killed in Madrid. (U)

3 June

United Kingdom: Attempted assassination of Israeli Ambassador Shlomo Argov in London . . . precipitates Israeli invasion of Lebanon. (U)

5 June

India: First Secretary of Kuwaiti Embassy assassinated in New Delhi. (U)

17 June

Italy: Deputy director of PLO office in Rome murdered. (U)

9 July

Turkey: President of Palestinian Student Union murdered in Ankara. (U)

23 July

France: Deputy director of PLO office murdered in Paris. (U)

9 August

France: Two gunmen with grenades and automatic weapons attack Jewish-owned restaurant; six killed, 27 wounded. (U)

23 August

Kuwait: UAE Charge d'Affaires wounded in assassination attempt. (U)

26 August

India: UAE Consul General in Bombay escapes injury in assassination attempt. (U)

16 September

Pakistan: Attempted assassination of Kuwaiti Consul General in Karachi. (U)

18 September

Spain: First secretary of Kuwaiti Embassy assassinated in Madrid, driver wounded. (U)

9 October

Italy: Grenade and machinegun attack against synagogue in Rome kills a child and wounds 10. (U)

8 December

Greece: Kuwait Airways offices bombed in Athens, no casualties. (U)

1983**10 April**

Portugal: Issam Sartawi, prominent PLO moderate and close friend of Arafat, killed in Lisbon. (U)

20 August

Greece: Murder of aide to high-ranking Fatah official Khalil al-Wazir. (U)

23 September

UAE: Gulf Air Boeing 737 en route from Karachi, Pakistan, to Abu Dhabi, crashes killing all 111 passengers and crew . . . crash may have been caused by bomb aboard aircraft. (U)

25 October

India: Jordanian Ambassador wounded in assassination attempt in New Delhi. (U)

26 October

Italy: Jordanian Ambassador and driver wounded in assassination attempt in Rome. (U)

31 October

Jordan: Car bomb detonated outside main Jordanian Army officers' club in Az Zarqa', no casualties reported. (U)

7 November

Greece: Two security guards of Jordanian Embassy in Athens attacked; one killed, one wounded. (U)

12 November

Jordan: Discovery of car bomb in residential area in Amman. (U)

19 December

Turkey: Car bomb discovered midway between French cultural center and US officers' club in Izmir. (U)

20 December

Turkey: Car bomb injures one person and causes extensive damage to apartment building near PLO office and living quarters in Ankara. (U)

29 December

Spain: Two Jordanian Embassy employees attacked in Madrid; one killed, one wounded. (U)

1984**8 February**

France: UAE Ambassador to France assassinated in Paris. (U)

24 March

Jordan: Bomb defused outside British Consulate in Amman. (U)

24 March

Jordan: Bomb defused outside British cultural center in Amman. (U)

24 March

Jordan: Bomb explodes in parking lot of Intercontinental Hotel across street from US Embassy, damaging two vehicles and slightly injuring two persons; second bomb discovered and defused. (U)

28 March

Greece: British Embassy First Secretary assassinated in Athens. (U)

3 May

Cyprus: Chairman of Arab Writers' Union killed in Nicosia. (U)

25 October

Italy: UAE vice consul wounded and student accompanying him killed in assassination attempt in Rome. (U)

November

Lebanon: Bomb attack on British Airways office in Beirut. (U)

12 November

Austria: Bomb partially explodes at Israeli El Al airlines office; no casualties. (U)

12 November

Austria: Bomb explodes in entrance hallway of British Consulate. (U)

27 November

India: British Deputy High Commissioner assassinated in Bombay by ROSM. (U)

29 November

Greece: Attempted assassination of Jordan's Deputy Chief of Mission in Athens. (U)

4 December

Romania: Deputy Chief of Mission of Jordanian Embassy assassinated in Bucharest. (U)

14 December

Italy: Isma'il Darwish, a leading military figure in Fatah movement, murdered in Rome. (U)

1985**9 March**

UAE: ANO member arrested for attempted sabotage of Royal Jordanian Airlines flight. (U)

21 March

Italy: Grenade attack on Royal Jordanian Airlines office in Rome, injuring two. (U)

21 March

Cyprus: Unidentified man throws two grenades into Royal Jordanian Airlines office in Nicosia. (U)

21 March

Greece: Grenade thrown into Royal Jordanian Airlines office in Athens, injuring three. (U)

26 March

Lebanon: British journalist kidnaped in Beirut. (U)

3 April

Italy: Rocket fired at Jordanian Embassy in Rome . . . misses Embassy and hits apartment on fourth floor of the building, but causes no casualties. (U)

4 April

Greece: Rocket fired at Jordanian airliner as it takes off from Athens airport . . . projectile hits plane but does not explode. (U)

23 April

Kuwait: Moderate newspaper editor wounded in murder attempt. (U)

15 May

Lebanon: UN Relief and Works Agency official kidnaped but released the next day. (U)

1 July

Spain: Bomb explodes at British Air ticket office in Madrid, also damaging TWA office upstairs . . . Royal Jordanian Airlines ticket office nearby hit by automatic weapons fire and two grenades that fail to explode . . . one killed, 24 wounded. (U)

11 July

Kuwait: Two bombs explode within minutes of each other, killing eight and injuring 89 at two cafes about 10 kilometers apart in Kuwait City . . . third bomb defused at another cafe. (U)

21 July

Lebanon: Bomb explodes outside Kuwaiti Airlines office in Beirut . . . no casualties reported. (U)

24 July

Turkey: First Secretary at Jordanian Embassy, assassinated in Ankara. (U)

8 August

Greece: Bomb explodes in kitchen of London Hotel in Athens, wounding 13 tourists. (U)

24 August

Turkey: Bomb discovered in PLO office in Ankara. (U)

30 August

Greece: Palestinian arrested in Athens for plotting assassination of Jordanian Ambassador. (U)

3 September

Greece: Two grenades thrown at swimming pool at Glyfada Hotel in Athens . . . 19 British tourists wounded. (U)

16 September

Italy: Grenades thrown at Cafe de Paris in Rome, injuring 38 tourists. (U)

18 September

Greece: Palestinian magazine publisher murdered in Athens. (U)

22 September

United Kingdom: British authorities arrest an ANO member found in possession of four handgrenades and charge him with conspiracy to cause explosions and to endanger life . . . grenades provided by Libyan contact . . . target identity unknown. (U)

25 September

Italy: Bomb explodes at British Air office in Rome, killing one and injuring 14. (U)

23 November

Malta: Three gunmen seize Egypt Air Flight 737 en route from Athens to Cairo and force it to land in Valletta, Malta . . . when hijackers' demand for refueling refused, they begin shooting selected passengers . . . ultimately, 56 passengers and two terrorists killed; 23 passengers and one terrorist wounded . . . on 24 November Egyptian military commando unit storms plane. (U)

24 November

Jordan: Husayn al-Bitar killed in Amman as a result of financial dispute over his house which was allegedly owned by Sabri al-Banna. (U)

27 December

Austria: Three gunmen attack El Al counter at Vienna's Schwechat Airport with grenades and AK-47s, killing two and wounding 39 . . . one terrorist also died and two were wounded. (U)

27 December

Italy: Four gunmen attack El Al ticket counter at Rome's Fiumicino Airport with grenades and AK-47s, killing 12 and wounding 72 . . . three terrorists also died and one was injured. (U)

1986**5 September**

Pakistan: Four men armed with automatic weapons, handguns, and grenades storm Pan Am Flight 747 in Karachi, killing 21 and injuring over 100 others. (U)

6 September

Turkey: Two gunmen attack Neve Shalom synagogue in Istanbul with grenades and machineguns . . . 22 killed and six wounded. (U)

Chronology of Terrorism—1987 (U)

Below are described noteworthy foreign and international events involving terrorists, or the use of terrorist tactics, that have occurred or come to light since our last issue. In some cases, the perpetrators and their motivations may not be known. Events and developments that have already been described elsewhere in this publication are not included. (U)

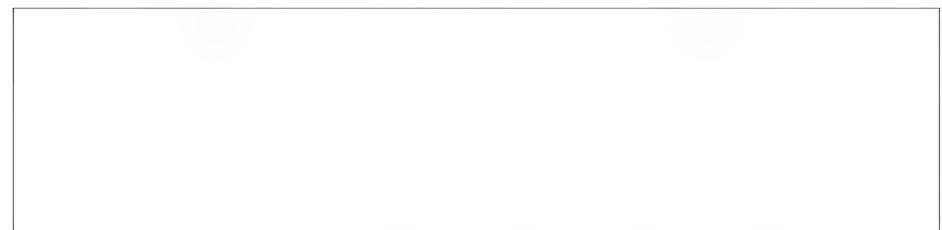
29 March

West Germany: Unknown perpetrators commit arson attack against construction site in West Berlin, causing considerable damage but no injuries. A claim letter signed by the "Autonomous Group, Erna Sielka" was found at the scene. (U)

2 April

Lebanon: Bomb goes off in Middle East Airlines office in Saqiyat al-Jinzir in West Beirut. The explosion caused extensive material damage, but no injuries were reported. (U)

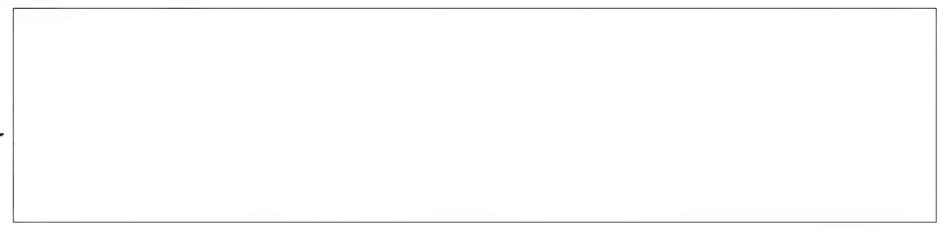
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18 April

Lebanon: Two Finnish UNIFIL sentries are taken hostage when Hizballah terrorists seize weapons and military radios and loot UNIFIL unit in village of Aaichiye. The sentries were later freed. There were no injuries reported in the attack. (U)

21 and 28 April



22 April

Lebanon: Boobytrapped Volvo explodes in village of Tulin, injuring three persons. No group has claimed responsibility for the car bombing. (U)

2 May

Northern Ireland: Provisional IRA member is killed while handling bomb in Belfast. The terrorist was planning to throw the device at a Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) station. (U)

Northern Ireland: Police seize at least 2,700 pounds of homemade explosives hidden in a horse trailer near Antrim. The Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) believes it prevented a major Provisional IRA bombing attack against a County Derry RUC station. (U)

4 May *Northern Ireland: Belfast police thwart bomb attack against Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) station.* They discovered four loaded mortar tubes aimed at the police station, presumably planted by the Provisional IRA. (U)

5 May *Bolivia: Grenade explodes in a classroom of an engineering facility in La Paz, seriously injuring a student.* (U)

6 May *Netherlands: Firebomb thrown into Dutch Prime Minister's house in Rotterdam causes material damage but no injuries.* No one claimed responsibility for the attack. (U)

Northern Ireland: Police clash with mourners at Provisional IRA (PIRA) member's funeral in Ulster. One policeman and several PIRA supporters were injured. The deceased was a terrorist who died 2 May when a bomb he was trying to throw at a police station exploded prematurely. (U)

7 May

Northern Ireland: Catholic youth shot to death at his South Belfast home. No one claimed responsibility for the murder. (U)

8 May *Argentina: Explosion at a military factory kills three persons and seriously wounds another in Buenos Aires.* No group has claimed responsibility. (U)

Lebanon: Police bomb-disposal officer injured in northern Lebanon when booby-trapped car he is trying to defuse explodes. No one has claimed responsibility for rigging the car. (U)

Northern Ireland: Eight Provisional IRA members killed during attack on Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) station in County Armagh. A passing motorist was killed in the crossfire, and at least four people were injured. The deaths appear to have been the result of a well-orchestrated ambush by the security forces. (U)

Yugoslavia: Unidentified object explodes at Belgrade fine arts facility. No one was injured, and the bomb caused only slight material damage. (U)

9 May

Lebanon: Six bombs explode in same evening in West Beirut, four of them within a five-minute span. One of the reported targets was the Carmel Saint Joseph School. There was no report of injuries, and no group has claimed responsibility. (U)



10 May

Colombia: Two Coca-Cola facilities in Antioquia and Magdalena Departments are bombed by suspected members of the National Liberation Army (ELN). Coca-Cola interests in Colombia have not been attacked since May 1986, when M-19 guerrillas bombed the company's Bogota facility. [redacted]

11 May

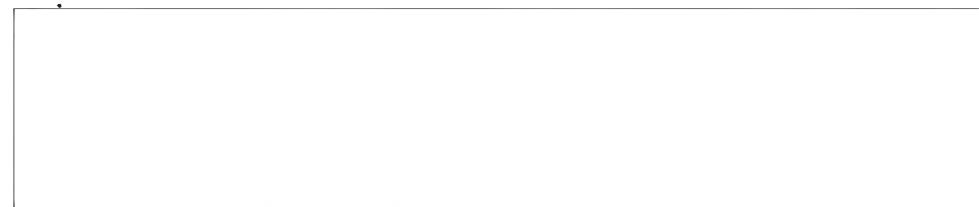
France: Bomb explodes at a Marseilles office, injuring three persons; another bomb fails to explode. No one claimed responsibility for the attack. (U)

Italy: Police raid 100 homes in Naples, Rome, and Venice during antiterrorism operation. Six suspected members of the Red Brigades faction, the Union of Combatant Communists, were arrested during the raids. Documents and a number of weapons were also seized. (U)

Lebanon: Suspicious persons fire four shells from hotel in East Beirut. Three of the shells fell on the Beirut Port compound, and another shell hit a school in the Al-Ashrifiyah area. A Lebanese Army force found the launching apparatus—consisting of a battery, a timing mechanism, and wires—in the abandoned Hilton Hotel in the Al-Zaytunah area. (U)

12 May

Chile: Terrorists attack the National Intelligence Center with explosives and submachinegun fire in Santiago. No organization has claimed responsibility although similar actions have been carried out by Manuel Rodriguez Patriotic Front. (U)



13 May

Lebanon: Gunmen toss packages of dynamite out of two passing cars, causing six explosions within 15 minutes. The targets included a playground, a gasoline station, a pharmacy, a mosque, and the entrance to the Al-Shaykh Musa Trade Shops. There has been no claim of responsibility. (U)

Peru: Three terrorists assassinate the mayor of the Florencia Mora District of Trujillo and seriously wound his lieutenant. (U)

14 May

Ecuador: The National Police arrest two Alfaro Vive, Carajo! (AVC) members as they prepare to assist Colombian forces in the M-19-led America's Battalion. The Battalion operates in rural areas of Colombia. (U)

Lebanon: Bomb explodes at Beirut's main post office, injuring three bomb-disposal experts as they attempt to defuse it. No one has claimed responsibility. (U)

15 May

Ecuador: Police arrest the head of Alfaro Vive Carajo's (AVC) Second Region, Antonio Pincay Moran. His capture is another blow to the group's dwindling effectiveness. [redacted]

16 May

Lebanon: Bomb goes off under vehicle parked behind UNRWA building in West Beirut's Verdun District, causing material damage. No group has claimed responsibility for the bombing. (U)

18 May

Lebanon: Bomb weighing 20 kilograms detonates near Syrian post in Al-Minyah area of Tripoli. There were no injuries reported. The Lebanese Liberation Front has claimed responsibility for the explosion. (U)

19 May

France: Paris police arrest three suspected former Red Brigades members. Italy has issued warrants for their arrest and will seek the extradition of all three. (U)

20 May

Peru: Unknown perpetrators throw three bombs at banks and leave one outside the Office of Public Registry in Lima after a general strike protesting the economic policies of President Garcia. Police suspect the Tupac Amaru (MRTA) may be responsible. (U)

Spain: British and West German Embassies in Madrid receive letters warning of bomb campaign against tourists. The letters were allegedly sent by the Basque Fatherland and Liberty (ETA) organization. Interior Ministry security personnel reportedly do not believe the letters are genuine. (U)

21 May

Austria: Two Palestinians receive life sentences for attack in December 1985 on El Al airlines office at Vienna airport. The two men were accused of two murders and 87 attempted murders. Four persons, including one of the terrorists, were killed, and 40 others were injured in the attack. (U)

France: Police arrest an Italian national outside his apartment in Paris. He is suspected of having links to the Red Brigades. (U)

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Lebanon: Bomb attached to fuel truck explodes in East Beirut, killing a Sri Lankan national and wounding an Egyptian. A device, made up of 2 kilograms of TNT and attached to a truck parked at a gas station in the Nahr Al-Mawt area, set the gas station on fire and caused extensive material damage. There has been no claim of responsibility. (U)

Northern Ireland: Part-time Ulster Defense Regiment (UDR) soldier shot dead near his County Tyrone farmhouse. The Provisional IRA claimed responsibility for the attack. (U)

22 May

Northern Ireland: Unidentified gunmen seriously injure Sinn Fein city council member at his Belfast home. No group claimed responsibility but the police suspect the Ulster Volunteer Force. (U)

Northern Ireland: Two Provisional IRA gunmen murder a Protestant at his County Down farm. The victim was a former prison official. (U)

Peru: Unknown assailants in Tacna bomb the home of the president of a regional development agency, causing serious damage. There had been little terrorist activity in that area since 1982, when police broke up a Sendero Luminoso (SL) cell there. (U)

23 May

Chile: Government security forces discover a terrorist arsenal in Santiago. The cache included six bombs, dynamite sticks, plastic explosives, homemade grenades, and bullets. (U)

Northern Ireland: Catholic man shot and killed at the wheel of his bread van near Omagh. The Ulster Freedom Fighters (UFF) were responsible for the murder. (U)

Spain: Bomb explodes in French car showroom in Basque town of Haro, setting fire to several vehicles only hours before a socialist party rally there. No one was injured. The ETA is suspected. (U)

25 May

Brazil: Bomb explodes in Porto Alegre bus station, injuring one individual and wounding four others. No one has claimed responsibility. (U)

Spain: Female Basque guerrilla receives 159-year sentence for three murders. Mercedes Galdos, a Basque Fatherland and Liberty (ETA) commando leader, confessed to the bombing in 1978 of a civil guard convoy and the murder in 1981 of a retired police chief. (U)

27 May

Spain: Small bomb explodes at Mieres mining region town hall, injuring two elderly persons. No one claimed responsibility for the attack. (U)

28 May

Argentina: Bomb explodes in an underground parking garage 100 meters from the capitol, injuring four persons and damaging 50 cars. (U)

France: French police hand over two suspected Basque separatists to Spanish authorities. This brings to 62 the number of Basques expelled since last July. (U)

Northern Ireland: Two armed terrorists ambush schoolbus in Strabane, injuring the driver, a part-time Ulster Defense Regiment (UDR) officer. The four children on board the bus were not harmed. No one claimed responsibility for the attack, but police suspect the Provisional IRA. (U)

1 June

Zimbabwe: Two West German tourists are murdered near Victoria Falls in Matabeleland Province. The tourists had pulled off the road to a rest stop when the terrorists emerged from the bush and started shooting. Seven whites have been killed in Matabeleland in the last three months, suggesting that dissidents may now be singling out and attacking only whites. [redacted]

2 June

Bolivia: Bomb explodes at a narcotics assistance facility in Cochabamba, damaging the concrete platform and shattering windows [redacted]

Ireland: Off-duty Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) police officer shot dead by two gunmen outside County Donegal village. The slaying of the 40-year-old policeman, who was visiting his elderly parents, was the second such death in the Republic of Ireland this year. The Provisional IRA claimed responsibility for the murder. (U)

Spain: Basque political parties halt election campaigning and demand release of kidnap victim. The parties called on the Basque Fatherland and Liberty (ETA) organization to free the elderly businessman who was kidnaped from his home on 19 May. Spanish voters will vote on 10 June to elect local councils, regional assemblies, and representatives to the European Parliament. (U)

4 June

Northern Ireland: Soldier killed while on patrol in West Belfast. The victim was a member of the 1st Queen's Lancashire regiment and was the first member of a British-based regiment to be shot in Northern Ireland in nearly two years. No one claimed responsibility. (U)

6 June

Spain: Police seize 220 pounds of explosives near Barcelona, foiling what may have been a preelection bomb plot by Basque extremists. The explosives, timers, and remote-control detonators were found in seven cardboard boxes in a parking lot. ETA has used similar explosives recently in a series of car bombings in Barcelona. (U)

10 June

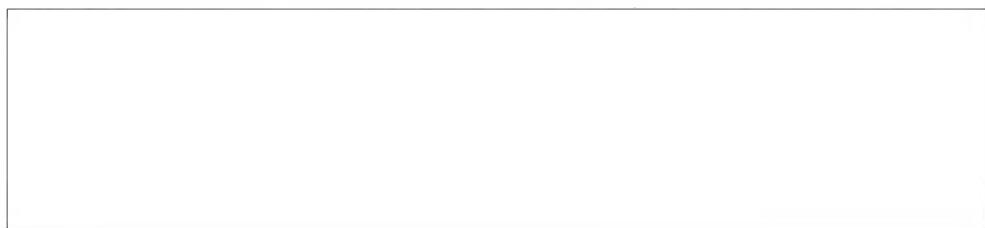
West Germany: Census forms destroyed in fire at Filderstadt City Hall. Two molotov cocktails were thrown into an office where the completed forms were stored. No group claimed responsibility. (U)

West Germany: Extremists attempt to derail a US military train entering West Berlin. The train's driver stopped before hitting the steel chain and burning tires that had been laid across the tracks. A leaflet found at the scene read "Fire and flames for the US President." President Reagan visited West Berlin on 12 June. (U)

11 June

Greece: Bomb destroys car belonging to nephew of the Minister of Public Order. Several cars and businesses were damaged by the blast in Athens, but no one was injured. No group has claimed responsibility. (U)

Spain: A Bilbao court convicted Juan Carlos Yoldi to 25 years imprisonment for terrorist activity as a member of the outlawed ETA. Yoldi was a candidate for premier of the Basque regional government. (U)



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